SUBJECT No. 155.

Abolition of fines levied on lands improved by water running to waste.

Mr. C. Nagappa, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—If a landholder improves his land at his own cost and labor and raises wet crop on dry land by making use of the rain or refuse water or the water [illegible] flown a hill, he is fined, and the *Nir-sardi* is imposed [illegible]. This works great hardship on the ryots. On the other hand, if the lands are allowed to deteriorate, nothing is done by Government. The levy of a fine for the use of water which is nominally Government water is unjustifiable and may be abolished.

Reply of Government.—Permission is required for utilizing Government water, and unauthorized use of it is punishable under Section 34 of the Land Revenue Rules.

SUBJECT No. 156.

Sale of grass growing on tank bunds.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Revenue Rules concede to the raiyats the privilege of taking free the grass grown on tank bunds and the fish in the tank, in return for the annual maintenance work to the tank they are required to do. As this privilege is enjoyed only by a few, it is requested that orders may be passed to sell the right by auction in time and the proceeds devoted for the annual maintenance work.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered and provided for in connection with the revised Tank Maintenance Rules.

SUBJECT No. 157.

Trees, etc., on tank bunds.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Many of the tank bunds are overgrown with trees, plants, thorns, etc., which are very injurious to bunds and often make them impassable. If anybody is permitted to cut and use them for his own purpose without any charge, the bunds are easily cleared.

Reply of Government.—The Tank Maintenance Rules provide for the clearance of jungle on tank bunds.

SUBJECT No. 158.

Accounts of Inam villages.

Messrs. Krishnachar, Aswathaiya and Sanjive Gowda, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is represented that accounts for Inam villages in Forms Nos. 14 and 15 cannot be furnished by the Jodidars, unless the following concessions are shown to them:—

(1) Government should render help in the recovery of revenue arrears due from the raiyats, and

(2) Remit proportionate jodi where revenue defaulters' estates do not realise the arrears due to Jodidars.

Reply of Government.—The existing provisions are sufficient. Such assistance as is authorized by the Land Revenue Code is given. But the obligation to render accounts has nothing to do with the recovery of the rent due to the Inamdar, and they are as necessary in his own interests as in those of Government.